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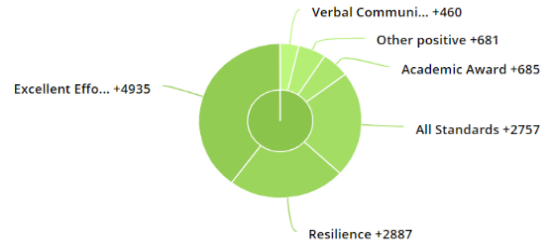
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Weekly Newsletter – 15.01.21

Online attendance:

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported their children with online learning this week. We are pleased that our lesson attendance is increasingly daily and with the positive feedback from pupils and parents. High quality pieces of work have been received by our teachers and many merits awarded. A special mention to this week's **top home learning** merit champions:

Date	Top Merits in Year Group
Monday – 11.01.21	Chloe Edwards Lochlan Taylor Iestyn Britten Sama Al - Battat Tori Hill Chomchanok Domsamak Jasmine Kirby
Tuesday – 12.01.21	Amal Hersi Iestyn Britten Toure Tamha Marriott Annalise Marshall Kareena Kaur Taak Eqan Butt Hoda Albili Saul Fuentes
Wednesday – 13.01.21	Lisa Inganda Christelle Talla Abdiaziz Mohammed Daniel Salas Sophie Jaafar Tahirah Begum Jasmine Kirby Gracie Sivyer Morgan Uphill Hasan Isa Al Hammadi
Thursday – 14.01.21	Amal Hersi Crystal Doran Dylan Evans Jasmine Kirby Chomchanok Donsamak Laiba Butt Marwa Abdi



Welfare Officer News:

Below is a round-up of the latest news for each year group:

Ms. K. Williams (Year 7):

I am so proud of how much year 7 have achieved in such a short amount of time at Willows! They are such a resilient year group and even in these unprecedented times have bought their best and nothing less. I feel privileged to be the Welfare Officer for such a kind, enthusiastic and dedicated cohort of students. As a year group, they have managed to achieve a total of 45,778 merits since September, which is the highest performing year group of the school. I know this year group will achieve fantastic things here at Willows and I look forward to celebrating all their successes with them. I am also pleased to see the high attendance rates for online lessons so far, it is lovely seeing so many of the students engaging with the lessons and their fellow peers online!

Please keep up the hard work year 7, I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school when we re-open. Please stay safe, be kind to one another and enjoy the company of those around you!

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Awarded for excellence



Ms. G Coles Riley (Year 8):

I am incredibly proud of all the efforts of Year 8 pupils this past few weeks...in particular she would like to give a special shout out to the pupils of 8CA, who in particular have wowed Miss. Cook with their amazing English work and whose attendance has been really strong and consistent. A special mention to 8DB- who really impressed Miss. Charles with the kindness and consideration that they showed towards her in their IT lessons. All in all, so many Year 8 pupils have been switched on, tuning in, and demonstrating the exact qualities that will prepare them for a bright future. Well done!

Ms. M. Sansom (Year 9):

Firstly, I would like to praise the pupils in 9SC for donating to the food banks for families and people in the community who are less fortunate before Christmas. I am super proud of the girls for their kindness and generosity, they are a credit to the year group and the school. The pupils are:

- Rowan Williams Lord
- Chloe Walter
- Selma Abdillahi
- Safa Ali
- Heidi Rahali
- Carly Cable (not in the photo)



I would also like to take this opportunity to praise all of the hard-working pupils in Year 9. Some of the examples of the online work that I have seen are terrific and I commend you all for joining tutor time and lessons to keep up with your learning. Da iawn!

Mr. M. Furness (Year 10):

It's fair to say this year has been weird and challenging for everyone! We have all had to adapt to a strange 'new normal' – Year 10 have managed this change really well and all deserve high praise. That said, there are two pupils who have gone above and beyond in their distance learning journey; Arslan and Ali. They have been in India since December, after travelling to visit family and finding themselves unable to return due to Covid restrictions. Despite the great distance these pupils have continued to submit schoolwork and make every effort to engage and maintain contact with staff. A massive shout out to you both and a huge well done for this excellent achievement!! We will hopefully see you both soon when the world begins to return to our 'old normal.' Stay Safe and keep up the good work!

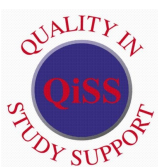
Mr. I. Bartlett (Year 11):

I am proud of Y11 for showing resilience and perseverance in this vital year of their schooling. I am particularly proud of our recent awards winners:

- Blessing Nyathi 11ME – 100% Attendance
- Lena Rodrigues 11CU – Zero Demerits
- Hasan Isa Al Hammadi 11DW – 100% Attendance and Zero Demerits
- Julmila De Oliveria 11GO - Pupil with highest merits.
- Khalito James 11FR and Kayleigh O'Brien 11JO – Welfare Officer Award

I'd like to say a huge congratulations to all of you and to reassure you that the school will endeavour to keep you up to date with GCSE news as and when we receive it. Until then, continue to attend your online lessons and submit your work as evidence. We are very proud of all of you!

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Health and Well-being:

School Nurse:

The school nurse would like to remind everyone that she is available from Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. She can be accessed through the 'Child Healthline' by text - 07520615718 for confidential advice and support. This is not just for physical medical conditions but is also available for children if they are anxious or feeling low. We appreciate that many teenagers feel more comfortable texting rather than talking so this provide an ideal opportunity for them to confide in an expert. Pupils can also start a chat at Chathealth.nhs.uk.

Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service have launched a new website which provides advice and support for children and teenagers, it can be found here:

<https://Cardiffyouthservices.wales/>

Food Bank:

A reminder that our nearest food bank can be found at St. Saviours Church on Splott Road. For dates and times, go to <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/>

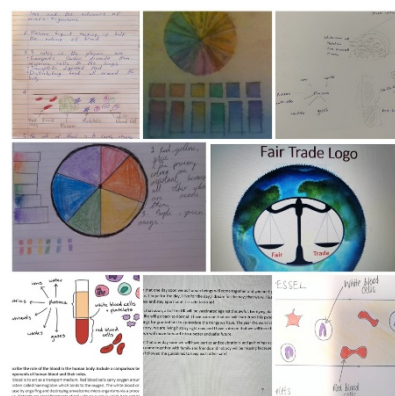
Community:

We would like to ask you again to support the team at 'Cardiff Schools Rugby' who are currently completing a '124K January Challenge' to raise money for Mind Cymru in memory of our lovely past pupil, Lewis Issaac. Each member of the team will run, walk, swim or bike 4KM every day in January to raise awareness of mental health issues. The link to their just giving page is here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cardiff-schools-rugby-union?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cardiff-schools-rugby-union&utm_campaign=pfp-tweet&utm_term=6c50a315bd3f474482954c8de658344d

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Thank you to those have passed on their kind comments to our teachers and Welfare Officers. Your gratitude for the full day of lessons we are providing is greatly appreciated – if you have any further questions, your first point of contact should be contact@willows.cardiff.sch.uk or you can ring the school reception on 029 20414243 who can put you in touch with the relevant member of staff.



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We are here, offering advice and guidance via video call, online chat, email or phone.

VIDEO RESOURCES FOR PUPILS AND PARENTS IN YEAR 11

- [Year 11 presentation for pupils](#)
- [Year 11 guide for parents](#)
- [Step by step 'How to Apply' guide](#)

VISIT OUR VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY CAVC ADVICE & GUIDANCE SESSIONS

Our School Liaison Officer Jo is available for pupils and families to book an individual Advice & Guidance session to discuss courses, support and wider opportunities at Cardiff and Vale College. To book an appointment please [email us](#).

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Do you have pupils who need information about [Financial Support](#), [Additional Learning Support](#), [Apprenticeships](#), [Sports Academies](#) or [Higher Education](#)? [Contact us](#) and we'll arrange this for you.

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